

<Example 2.1>

21— URL: <http://www-3.ibm.com/e-business/glossary/>

22— Update frequency: every month

23— User's annotation: The meaning of ASP

Information object:

25— Application Service Provider

A company that offers subscription services for applications and related services on a pay-per-use basis. ASPs host, manage and maintain applications at their own site and make them available via the Web. This enables smaller companies or those with limited budgets to take full advantage of the latest information technology.

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FIG. 2A

<Example 2.2>

21b— URL: <http://www.cnn.com/>

22b— Update frequency: every weekday

23b— User's annotation: The top stories of CNN's top page

Information object:

25b— TOP STORIES

- 62-year-old woman gives birth
- Mutombo helps lift Sixers to Game 5 win | In-Depth
- Wahid defiant in face of impeachment | In-Depth
- Erekat blasts Israel settlements | In-Depth
- Deputies wait out armed children in Idaho
- Downey to plead no contest to drug charges, get rehab

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FIG. 2B

<Example 2.3>

21c — URL: <http://www.cnn.com/WEATHER/as/Taiwan/TaipeiTAIX.html>

22c — Update frequency: every day

23c — User's annotation: Weather forecast of Taipei, Taiwan  
 Information object:

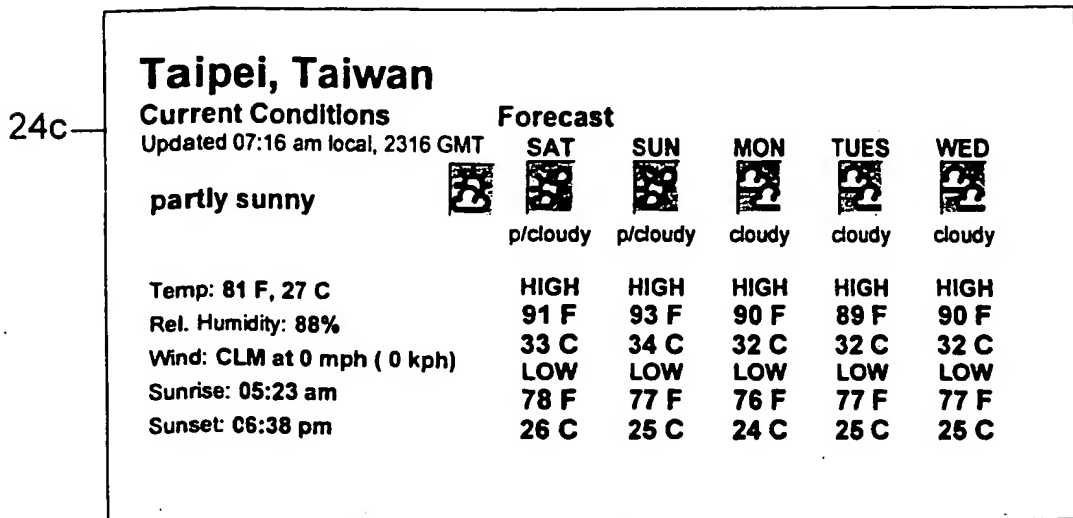


FIG. 2C

<Example 2.4>

21d — URL: <http://activequote100.fidelity.com/nav/select.phtml>

22d — Update frequency: every weekday

23d — User's annotation: Daily price of Biotechnology  
 Information object:

26d — 

Biotechnology	42	FBIOX	67.47
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User's annotation: Daily price of Electronics

Information object:

Electronics	8	FSELX	51.43
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User's annotation: Daily price of Technology

Information object:

Technology	64	FSPTX	68.80
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FIG. 2D

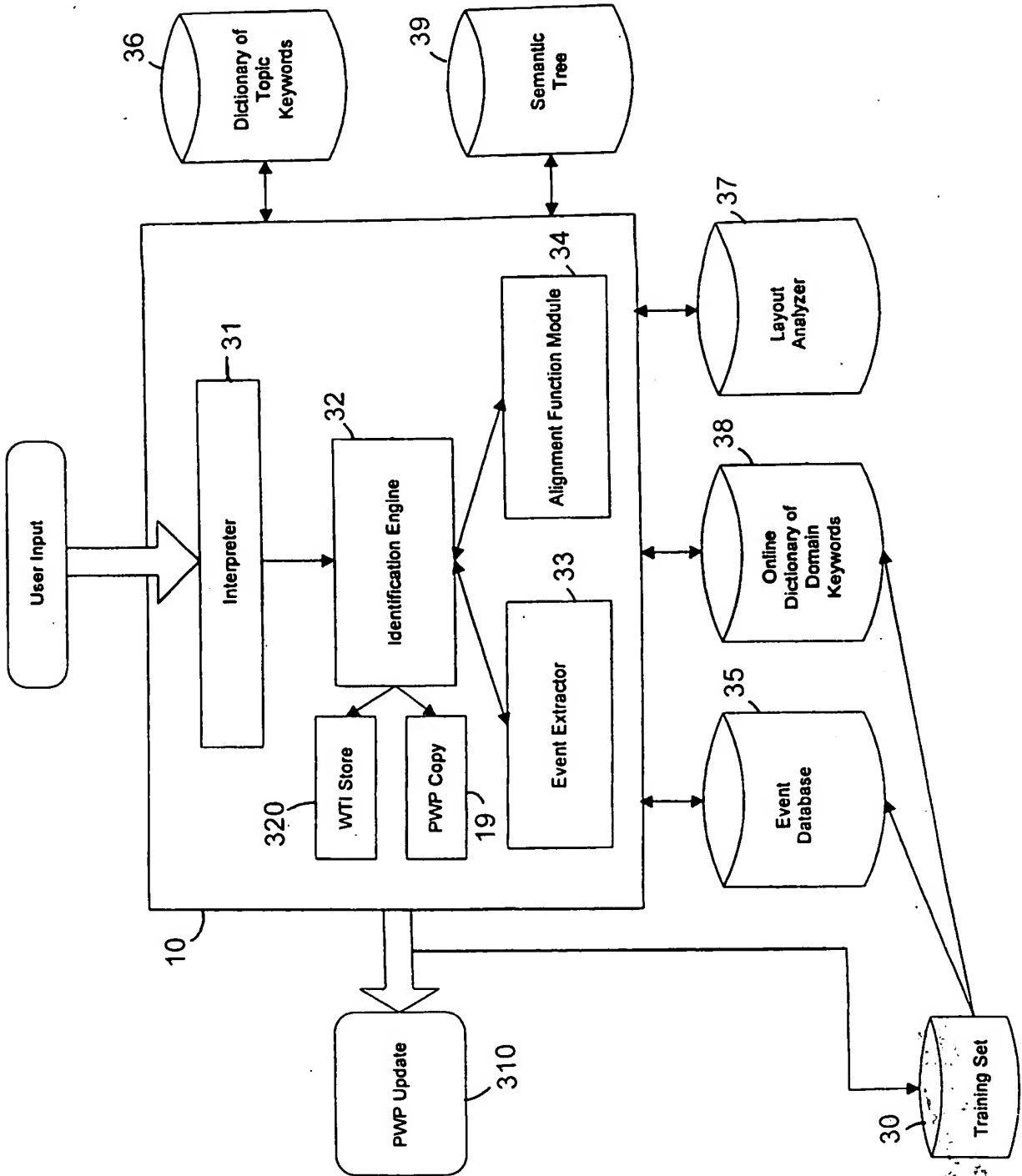


FIG. 3

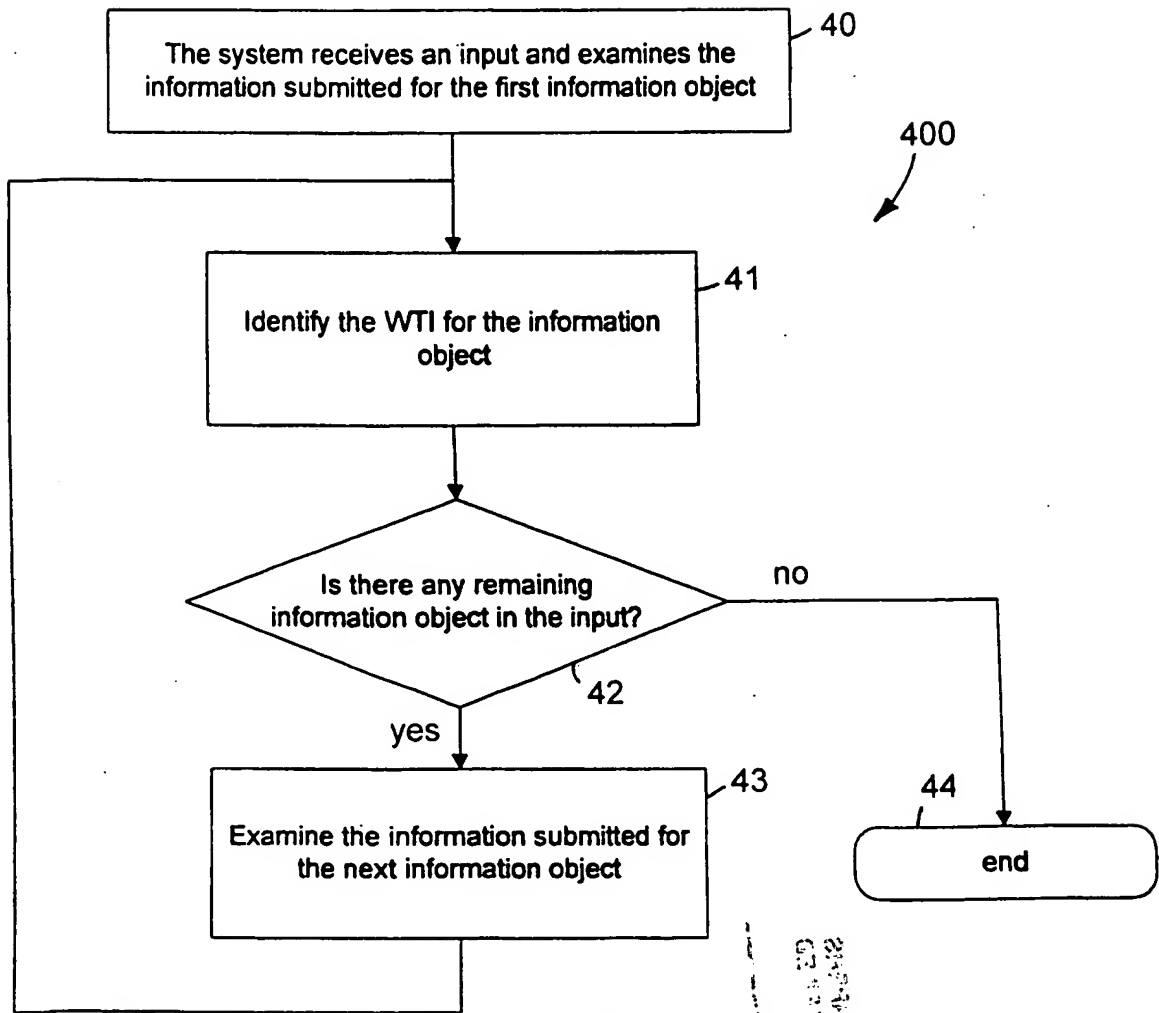


FIG. 4

